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RE: Application No. 10/500,258

Dear Mr. Barefoot:

Thank you for the valuable input that you have provided during our previous correspondences. This process has caused me to more closely examine, and re-examine to no end, not only the specific claims originally submitted by my attorney, but the chosen conceptual direction the claims, as a whole, traveled. Throughout the body of the application's text was placed an emphasis on the quality of thrust, the manipulation of thrust, the application of thrust, and their affect upon performance. These fundamental principles were not adequately built upon in the initial claims. Therefore, in response to your rejection of claims 1-6 and 8-20 based upon Busby (3606210) in view of Peterson et al (3388878), and in response to your rejection of claim 7 based upon Pharris (4044971):

Claims 1 - 20 (canceled).

As I no longer possess the resources to employ the services of a legal professional, and though I am proficient in neither the phraseology, nor format to which you may be accustomed, I have undertaken to construct a new set of claims that is more representative and descriptive of the unique and powerful qualities embodied within the Variably Angled Propulsion/Steering System as disclosed within both the text and drawings of patent application (10/500,258), conforming as closely as possible to the rather daunting array of rules that govern these proceedings.

Please find below the new set of claims: